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United States Department of Agriculture

- There are State *FOOD & AGRICULTURE COUNCILS* (FACs) in every State, and there is a local FAC in almost all counties.
- The State FACs are composed of leaders of U.S. Department of Agriculture agencies in the States; the local FACs are composed of USDA agency leaders in the counties.
- The FACs coordinate USDA activities in States and counties to help make USDA programs more efficient and more responsive to local people and local conditions.
- The FACs work with State and local officials, community organizations, State departments of agriculture, other State agencies, and with other Federal agencies on food and agriculture matters.
- The FACs are open to ideas, suggestions, or concerns from any citizen or group.
- The FACs help the Secretary of Agriculture and State Governors keep informed about the concerns of local people for the purpose of improving USDA programs.
- The FACs are committed to advancing the special goals of the Department of Agriculture, such as:
  - Being prepared to assist in food and agriculture emergencies.
  - Ensuring that all farm and ranch operators are aware of USDA programs and how they work.
  - Informing more Americans about the nature of U.S. agriculture and its contribution to the health and fitness of people.

- **Fostering and assisting rural development to ensure quality in rural life and strength in the rural economy.**
- **Advancing sound natural resource conservation and use through coordinated action with the private sector, agencies of government, and other organizations.**

**Contact any local or State office of these USDA agencies for more information.**

**Forest Service**

**Extension Service**

**Soil Conservation Service**

**Food and Nutrition Service**

**Economic Research Service**

**Statistical Reporting Service**

**Farmers Home Administration**

**Rural Electrification Administration**

**Food Safety and Inspection Service**

**Federal Crop Insurance Corporation**

**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

**Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service**

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